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FM AMEMBASSY BEIJING

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6023

INFO AMCONSUL SHANGHAI

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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TAGS: PHUM, CH

SUBJECT: BEIJING 15 UPDATE-COURT DENIES VERDICTS

REF: BEIJING 39493

1. REFTEL REPORTED PRESS ACCOUNTS FROM AFP CLAIMING
THREE OF THE "BEIJING 15" DEFENDANTS HAD BEEN CONVICTED
AND SENTENCED FOR COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY CRIMES. IN AN
8/30 ARTICLE, AFP REVERSED ITSELF, QUOTING A BEIJING

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INTERMEDIATE COURT SPOKESMAN DENYING THE AFP STORY AND
STATING THAT THE CASE IS CONTINUING.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP, BUT IT MAY TAKE
SOME TIME TO GET A STRAIGHT ANSWER. TO DATE LOCAL
COURT OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO COMMENT TO US ON
CASES, PENDING OR OTHERWISE. POLOFF ASKED AN OFFICIAL
AT THE MFA DIVISION RESPONSIBLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ABOUT
THE CASE ON AUGUST 27, BUT THE OFFICIAL PROFESSED

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